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KENYAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OPENS THE U.S.-AFRICA INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON DC – The Kenyan Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta will provide opening remarks at the Corporate Council on Africa's fourth U.S. – Africa Infrastructure Conference on April 27, 2010.

Kenyan Deputy Prime Minister Kenyatta will address the importance of infrastructure development for Africa's economic future and the launch of the East African Community (EAC) Common Market. The EAC Common Market, launching this July, is the first of its kind in Africa. Once initiated, it will form a zone of economic freedom between Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi.

The Honorable Uhuru Kenyatta began his political career in 1997. He has held several posts in the Kenyan Government including Chairman of the Tourism Board, Chairman of the KANU party and Minister for Local Government. He was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance by President Kibaki in April 2008.

This year, the U.S. – Africa Infrastructure Conference will focus on building dynamic growth in Africa by examining the information and communication technology, alternative energy and human security sectors of African economies.

To learn more about Kenya's economy, please visit www.kenya.info.
To register for U.S. – Africa Infrastructure Conference, please visit www.africacncl.org.

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U.S. and EU Fund Voter Education for Kenya's Referendum

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American and European diplomats announced Friday that they will be providing tangible support to the Kenyan government as it educates the public on the contents of the Draft Constitution. The governments plan to work with the Interim Independent Electoral Commission (IIEC), the Committee of Experts, and civil society to clarify any misperceptions about the document.

"The civic education must help bust the myths and inaccuracies around the contents of the draft," said Eric van der Linden of the European Union.

In addition to voter education, the diplomats also intend to support programs working to register millions of Kenyans who are currently ineligible to vote. 5.7 million Kenyans have been registered since the voter registration drive began.

While the United States and European Union have been vocal in their support of the reforms proposed in the draft, this exercise is not intended to sway Kenyans to one side or the other on the debate. It is meant to ensure that all citizens are well-informed about what it is they're voting on before the referendum takes place.

"What appears equally critical at this stage is to increase efforts to ensure that Kenyans make informed decisions in the referendum, civic education must have the widest possible outreach," said US Ambassador Michael Ranneberger.

The United States has announced it will grant nearly \$2 million to help fund the referendum. The vote will utilize more advanced security procedures to protect against fraud, including the release of real-time results of the voting.

For more information on Kenyan political reforms, please [click here](#).

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